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TUESDAY.....AUGUST 14, 1900.
Weather forecast for Fredericksburg and vicinity.
Fair and warm.

A WORD TO YOUNG MEN.

This old ball, on which "we live and move and have our being," has been aptly dubbed a stage and human beings the actors. We all have to act our part—whether we reach the goal or fall by the wayside; whether our names be placed in the galaxy of the heroic, the noble and the great of earth, or among those who failed in life's race. The illustrious Massillon said: "God only is great." So far as infinity is concerned, this statement is absolutely true—otherwise it is questionable. A man may become a great statesman, a great scholar, a great poet, and so on. Generally speaking man is the director of his own earthly destiny, the carver of his own greatness.

Emerson says: "The world is full of handsome dubious eggs called possibilities." In other words the world presents golden opportunities in their rough state, and the industrious and ambitious young man, who directs his efforts in their proper channel, may polish these golden moments into jewels of honor, fame and wealth.

Young man, what are you going to do with those "dubious possibilities?" Life is short; time is precious. The goal is ahead and a manly, heroic effort is needed to win the prize. "Doubtful" Will you clothe yourself in the fascinating habiliments of self-incredulity, sail through life on "flowery beds of ease" and gratified self complacency a mere nonentity, or will you hoist anchor, stem the tide and enter the conflict with Spartan-like intrepidity and strive for the goal with a faith akin to that of Xerxes when he left the Tagus to plant the cross on the shores of Coromandel? Bear in mind that there are only two roads in the race of life—one leads to success, the other to failure. All may travel the latter, but only the energetic and the persevering can struggle along the golden pathway of the former.

Is it not safe to say that every young man enters life's duties with a desire to succeed, and misdirected efforts have wrought myriads of failures? The first indispensable essential to success, young man, is to know yourself and to have faith in yourself. God's best benedictions do not rest upon puny and incredulous efforts. You must discover what you have a talent for, and then, with faith in God and faith in yourself, with dogged and persistent determination, pull off your coat and roll up your sleeves and go to work to develop that talent and success will certainly attend your efforts. Cast away the word "can't," believe in yourself, believe in the Eternal, believe in the splendid possibilities of life, for a heroic faith gives fixity to resolve, meaning to life and stability to character.

Then there must be enthusiasm. Having discovered what you are best fitted to accomplish, you must enter the race with earnest enthusiasm; you must be in full accord and sympathy with your chosen labor. Head-power needs heart-power to give it proper lubrication. "Happy is the man," says Eggleston, "to whom the voice of love and duty are the same." You will never succeed at any calling for which you have neither talent nor love.

There is no compromise ground in the battle of life. A man must either be a success or a failure. The history of successful men reveals the fact that they were men who placed an object before them in life and wrought with might and main to reach the goal.

Young man, this is an age of glorious possibilities. What part will you perform in the drama of life? Shall it be one of earnest toil and honor, or of indolence, vice and shame. The question is with you; you are the architect of your mortal destiny. Enter the race with manly endeavor and heroic determination; guard well your habits and your associates; keep your eyes constantly on the goal, relax not your efforts, and truly will the following words of the poet be an appropriate epitaph for you: "Some divinely gifted man, Whose life to low estate began, And on a simple village green."

Who makes by faith his merit known, And lives to catch the golden crown, To mould a mighty State's decrees, And shape the whisper of a throne.

And, moving up from high to higher, Ascends on fortune's crowning slope The center of a people's hope, The pillar of a world's desire."

It would be well for our city fathers to consider the matter of private sewers which are becoming a suburban network of our streets. In default of anything being done on that line by the city itself the progressiveness displayed in this line by individuals and stock companies is commendable, but in supinely allowing this to be the case is the city acting with wisdom to itself and the private projector? The time has already long since arrived when, in the opinion of many, a general and systematic system of sewerage should have been undertaken by the corporation of Fredericksburg, and it would be simple folly to foster the be-

lief that the time for action will never come. Come it will, and then the city will be confronted with these net-works and the barriers of franchises. Today the city would experience no end of difficulty in projecting a thorough system of sewerage from the same sources, to overcome which undoubtedly some hardship will befall, and may be an injustice under shadow of law, to the owners of the pipe-lines and franchises. Trouble to the city will certainly accrue and hardships befall the operators of these private lines.

The war is on between Platt and Roosevelt as to who shall name the next Republican nominee for Governor of New York. Platt tried to bring out B. B. Odell, a former Albany lobbyist, but Teddy made it too hot for him, and he now emphatically declares that he will not accept the nomination. This decision places Mr. Platt in a dilemma, and there is more than a little governorship in it now—it is a fight to find out who is to be the Republican boss of the Empire State after this.

Along with the announcement that the German Count Waldsee is to take supreme command of the allies in China is also the statement that he will leave Germany for China in about two weeks. Add to this period of time the few more weeks that he will take in getting there, and he will have probably fallen and the ministers have been massacred. We presume that it is intended for the Count to be on hand to officiate at the last rites of both the ministers and the Manchus dynasty.

It is uncertain whether or not our troops in China are to be congratulated upon sustaining no losses in the battles there. This felicitous result is usually best achieved by acting as the rear-guard in a battle or in doing good sprinting. However, as American troops are not proficient in either of these lines, we give them the benefit of the doubt and ascribe it to fortuitous circumstances.

We are beginning to feel uneasy about staid old Richmond. Not satisfied with rushing the shirt-waist fashion she is now considering the advisability of donning the pajamas for negligee street wear. This is too great a step; let us advise resorting to the bathing suit before adopting pajamas. Take it by stages, as it were, in the scale downward.

And now the Dutch are looking for "droobles." They are sending troops to Jambou (wherever that may be), and it is thought that they will likely find all the trouble they are looking for, as the Jamboues are said to be a warlike race who possess a large stock of Lee-Metford and Winchester rifles.

The article about a "Loyal Union Spy Dying" is going the rounds of the Western and Northern press and no one is more amused over the newspaper canard than Miss Bettie Van Lew, of Richmond, Va., the "dying heroine," who is still alive and in good enough health to enjoy the joke.

The magnanimity of civilization is clearly demonstrated by the contrast in the treatment the Chinese Minister is receiving at Washington and that of the foreign ministers in heathen China.

It would, indeed, be hard on the Democrats if the pomp and enthusiasm of the notification at Indianapolis should be eclipsed by the November election.

MISS ICH FROST has been selected to teach the Frodo School at Colorado, Kan., this winter. The game of "freeze-out" will no doubt be popular there.

The Merrimac, from whose decks Hobson loved to fame, and then stooped to go a-kissing, has been blown to atoms—Farmville Herald.

But those halcyon oscillatory hours are still green in Hobson's mind.

The fact that more than half of the British war loan will be placed in this country shows that England has an abiding faith in Uncle Sam.

If this weather continues much longer Uncle Sam can float this country over to China on a sea of perspiration.

THAT \$9,000 in the treasury of the Gold Democrats is sufficiently marginal to hold a few hangers-on.

THE weather has been too hot to make much progress in "assimilating" the "heathen Chinese."

TEDDY ROOSEVELT is off on a fishing trip. He should have taken Grover along to do the baiting.

A "16 to 1" ghost was relegated to the back seat by Bryan's speech of acceptance.

BRYAN'S speech of acceptance looks lengthy enough to reach the White House.

MR. EDWARD MELEN and Miss Maggie Parks, of Accomac county, were married last week by Rev. W. W. Wain.

MR. H. DAVIS and Miss Virginia S. Thomas, of Orange county, were married on Tuesday last. Rev. A. J. Harlow officiating.

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MISS OLLA R. HUNT was married to Mr. John N. House in Washington, Wednesday, by Rev. C. W. Trainham. The contracting parties are both natives of Prince William county.

POLITICAL.
A McKinley club has been formed at Charlottesville, with Gen. Mosser as president.
The Washington Post says: Populism is the sponge that is gradually absorbing the Democracy.
The Democratic State Committee will meet in Richmond Wednesday to arrange for the campaign.
Hon. P. H. O'Bannon, of Rappahannock county, Va., was a member of the committee to notify Bryan and Stevenson of their nominations.

Hon. W. J. Bryan, at Chicago, conferred with representative German leaders from all parts of the country about plans to secure the German vote.
The Democrats say they feel confident of carrying West Virginia if they can prevent the Republicans from voting "colonized" negroes, large numbers of whom have been brought into the State.

There will be a grand Democratic flag-raising at the Hague, Westmoreland county, Va., August 17. Hon. W. A. Jones, T. J. Downing and other speakers will present and discuss the issues of the day.

The National Committee of the Populist party will meet in Chicago August 27th to take action on Mr. Towner's resignation. It is stated the committee will endorse Mr. Stevenson for vice-president.

The Democratic Congressional Committee has issued a statement giving the names of a number of prominent Republicans who cannot support the imperialistic policy of McKinley and will vote for Bryan.

Col. J. E. Willard, of Fairfax, is a candidate for lieutenant-governor. The other candidates thus far are Senator Geo. W. Leato, of Accomac, and Col. J. C. Featherston, of Campbell county, and Mr. Caton, of Alexandria.

THE SITUATION IN CHINA.
The capture of Yang Tsen probably opens two routes to Peking.

The United States now has two gunboats—the Castine and the Princeton—at Shanghai.

An Imperial Chinese decree names Li Hung Chang as plenipotentiary to negotiate peace.

The foreign Ministers at Peking are cooperating in opposition to leaving the capital under Chinese escort.

U. S. government has forwarded its approval of the choice of Waldsee as the leader of the international forces.

"Felt Sang" was taken by Japanese troops supported by English and American. Japanese loss considerable, English slight, Americans none.

China is seeking immediate cessation of the fighting. Li will negotiate terms and it is considered likely that all will be arranged before the allies enter Peking.

An American officer is reported to have stated on his return to Tientsin that there was no serious fighting in the war in Hsi Kio arsenal captured by Seymour in the whole of the United States.

The Chinese government has been detected in barefaced duplicity. Minister Oonger in a cablegram to the State Department states that the Chinese Foreign Office has told the ministers that their respective governments are repeatedly asked the Chinese government, through the ministers, that the ministers have been under suitable escort.

MORE NEWS FROM CONGER.
The following dispatch, communicating an additional message from Minister Conger, was made public Saturday by the State Department:
"Canton, August 11.
"Conger dated August 10, Tientsin, answering my message, says that the legation is under siege by the Imperial soldiery. The situation is desperate. The losses of the legation are sixty killed and about 100 wounded. There is some sickness, nevertheless the general health continues good. Whatever may be the outcome we will hold on indelibly."
(Signed) M. Wade."

GENERAL NEWS.
Baron Russell, of Killowen, Lord Chief Justice of England, is dead.

King Victor Emmanuel III of Italy, took the formal constitutional oath Saturday before Parliament.

The gas buoy marking the entrance to Coan river was extinguished August 4. It will be replaced by a new one.

The Havana judiciary is said to be very corrupt. It is alleged that the judges receive fees for their decisions in some instances.

Friday night in New York Fitzsimmons defeated Rullo in the sixth round. The gate receipts were \$70,000, of which Fitz gets \$30,000, and Rullo \$40,000.

The Navy Department has decided to reject all the bids for armor plate, but it is said this does not indicate the Government's purpose to build a plant of its own.

J. D. Rockefeller's share of dividends in the Standard Oil Company for twelve months amount to the princely fortune of \$16,000,000. The profits of the company are fabulous.

The new pension law is meeting with a great deal of adverse criticism. It cuts the cost of an additional clerk in the Auditor's office and of a large amount of printing.

The discovery of the alleged Boer plot to kidnap Lord Roberts should the British officers and capture Pretoria has caused a stir among the British and aroused a demand for more drastic repressive measures.

No Right to Ugliness.
The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health if she is weak, sickly and all run down, she will be nervous and irritable. If she has constipation or kidney trouble, her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, velvety skin, rich complexion. It will make a good-looking, charming woman of a run-down invalid. Only 50 cents at M. M. Lewis' Drug Store.

The Weather.
Saturday was the hottest day of the year. At 4 p. m. the thermometer registered 105 in the shade and 120 in the sun. Sunday was also very warm. At 1 p. m. 100 was reached, and the highest point of the day, as it then became cloudy, and in the evening a wind storm accompanied by a few drops of rain, passed over the city. Yesterday it was slightly cooler.

\$5.00. Washington to the Seashore and Return \$6.00 via Pennsylvania Railroad.

Tickets on sale for all trains Friday and Saturday to September 8 to Atlantic City, Ocean City, Ocean City and Sea Isle City, N. J., good to return until Tuesday following day of sale. Tickets good via Delaware Bridge Route to Atlantic City. 3710-sep-8-t-h

VIRGINIA NEWS.
Mr. J. Woodford Shirley, of Prince William, died Wednesday.
Mr. Wm. F. Cooper of Loudoun county, died, aged 73 years.
Mr. Harvey L. Wilson, of the Richmond News, is ill with typhoid fever.
A cyclone at Newport News did considerable damage Saturday evening.
V. O. Bendall, formerly of Warrenton, aged 82 years, died suddenly in Richmond.
Mr. W. R. Crable and family, of Westmoreland, have gone to Cape Springs to spend a month.
Mr. Clarence L. Porter, of Washington, formerly of Westmoreland county, died in Washington recently.

The United States Tobacco Co., of Richmond, received a gold medal at the Paris Exposition on their tobacco.

A projected meeting will commence at Macedonia church, Orange county, on the fourth Sunday in this month.

Miss S. phia Udyke Northrop, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. U. Northrop, died at her home in Richmond county last week.

A new post office has been established at Deep Point, Westmoreland county, known as Hinnom, with R. H. Hall as postmaster.

Rev. A. R. Walker, formerly of Westmoreland county, has accepted a call to Zion Episcopal church, Fairfax Court-house.

The seven steamers on the Great Wilcomico caught about 5,350,000 menhaden the past week. The average catch a day for each steamer last week was 137,351.

Fire at McHenry. Spotsylvania county, last week, destroyed a quantity of lumber and a large amount of railroad ties belonging to M. M. H. Dickinson.

The projected meeting at Zion Church closed Friday. Six candidates were received for baptism. Baptism took place at Bank's dam Sunday afternoon.

It has been decided to abandon the appeal in the case of Gilligan, convicted of the murder of C. Beverly Turner, and he will be taken to the penitentiary to serve his term.

The Albemarle Horse Show Association was organized at Charlottesville Saturday. Hon. G. C. Tallaferro, President of the Orange Horseman's Association was present and made an address.

C. L. Charles S. Venable, for many years professor of mathematics at the University of Virginia, is dead. During the war he served on the staff of Gen. R. E. Lee, and was a man of exalted character.

Having completed the line from Gloucester Point to Newport News, the Tidewater Telephone Company now proposes to turn its attention to the construction of the line to Tappahannock—Southside Sentinel.

Mr. G. W. Libby of Richmond, who lost Rev. Dr. Wharton \$5,000 on the Ocean City property, says he has no idea of uniting in the prosecution of the evangelist. Mr. Libby says he does not think Dr. Wharton has done anything criminal.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Eugene L. Sanders, of Gloucester county, took place Wednesday at Ware church. The pastor, Rev. William B. Lee, officiating. The pall bearers were Major Perrin, Messrs. M. K. Smith, Thomas H. Smith, T. L. Benson, Major T. S. Tallaferro, and Hon. John N. Tabb.

The Calpelup Experiment says: Mr. J. B. Stubbs, a contractor was in town last week in regard to the proposed sewer construction. It is reported that the residents along Mountain Run will endeavor to obtain an injunction restraining the town of Calpelup from emptying its sewerage into the stream.

The Madison News says: "The brick for the bank vault was hauled in on Tuesday; we understand the bank will be open for business before August court. Our corn crop, usually the boast of Madison farmers, has been very seriously injured and only a fourth of a crop can be expected even if it rains now."

There is a dispute between Maryland and Virginia parties over the body of water lying between Smith's Island and Tangier Island. On Saturday Sydney Evans, a young man of Maryland, was killed while crabbing at the mouth of Tyler's creek. The shooting created intense excitement and threats of revenge were made.

FALMOUTH ITEMS.
(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)
Messrs. Richard and Archie Wine, of Washington, spent Sunday in our village, visiting relatives.
Mr. Ollie Walker, of Urbana, is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. G. C. Connor and child, of Washington, have been visiting her sister, Mrs. Jos. W. Mills, the past week.

Mr. George Hynson, of Lancaster county, was in our village last week, on route home, but owing to breakage of the wheel of his wagon, he was unable to leave.

Rev. Hugh Mowlem, formerly of this village, but now of Caroline county, preached a very able and interesting sermon Sunday night in the Baptist church here, his subject being "The Gates to Heaven."

Prof. Oden will, on Thursday night next, endeavor to organize a singing school here.

New Advertisement.
The Light Committee of the City Council advertises for proposals to furnish about 900 tons of coal for supplying City Gas Works the coming year.

Report of Health Officer for July.
The total number of deaths in the city during July was 10—7 white and 3 colored. Of these 6 were under 2 years and 4 over 50 years of age. City death rate for the month of July upon an estimated population of 5,500 is 18 per 1,000. Washington, D. C., shows rate of 23, and Baltimore, Md., 24 during same month. Five died from diarrheal diseases, 2 were paralyzed, 1 died from heart disease, 1 from malaria and 1 from a gripple. During July there were reported 10 births—9 white and 1 colored.

J. N. Barney, M. D., Health Officer.

Pain-Killer as an internal remedy has no equal in cases of summer complaints, diarrhoea, dysentery, it cures quickly. Used as a liniment its action is like magic, when applied to bad sores, burns, scalds and sprains. For the sick headache and toothache don't fail to try it. In short, it is a Pain-Killer. Avoid substitutes, there is but one Pain-Killer, Perry Davis' Price 25c and 50c. M. M. Lewis, Druggist.

\$10. Washington to Niagara Falls and Return \$10. via Pennsylvania Railroad. On Thursdays, July 26, August 9 and 23, September 6 and 20, and October 4 and 18, personally conducted excursions will leave Washington by special train at 8:30 a. m., arriving Niagara Falls 11:35 p. m. Tickets limited to ten days and allow stop over returning at Buffalo, Rochester and Watkins. 3714-w-c-12

Advertise.
I would as soon think of doing business without clerks as without advertising.—John Wansmaker.

ORANGE.
Protracted Meetings—The Sick-Stock Shipments—The Drought—Elections, Etc.
(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)
Orange Co., Va., August 13, 1900.
In a former note to The Free Lance I had occasion to mention some of our most progressive citizens. Since then, with broader information, I have learned that Mr. A. P. Brockman, of Linton, in early vegetable, and the raising and curing of hams is second to no one. A Smithfield ham has taken second premium when competing with Brockman's best.

The many friends and relatives of Mrs. Jennie Bradley regret to hear of her illness, and we all hope soon not only to hear of her recovery, but to have her among us. Many years ago she was a star in the galaxy of Virginia's fair daughters, and to-day her bright companionship is a boon to any household.

Many of our people attended the Tabernacle meeting at Gordonsville last week, and were well pleased. The sermon by Dr. E. L. Powell to over 3,000 people is placed first among many distinguished discourses. Rev. W. Decker baptized twelve converts in the lake by Mr. G. W. Moore's Sunday morning.

After the administration of this impressive rite the church repaired to the house of worship where the right hand of fellowship was given and the Lord's Supper celebrated. This week protracted meeting is in progress at Lower Gully. Miss Rev. Henry Charles preaching, and at Trinity with Dr. J. B. Hawthorne preaching. Next week Mr. Hermon will hold a series of meetings under the preaching of her popular pastor, Mr. Williams. Fourth Sunday in this month Dr. Williamson, an able preacher of the South, will aid Rev. Richard Bagby, shepherd of the Macedonia church, with such preachers and the united efforts of the church, we would expect success should be made in the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

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Volcanic Eruptions.
Are grand, but Skin Eruptions rob life of joy. Bocklen's Arnica Salve cures them; also Old, running and Fever Sores, Ulcers, Boils, Felons, Corns, Warts, Oint, Bruises, Burns, Scalds, Chapped hands, Chilblains, Best Pile cure on earth. Drives out Pains and Aches. Only 25 cts. a box. One guaranteed. Sold by M. M. Lewis, Druggist.

CAROLINE NEWS.
Mrs. Anne Houston, died recently near Upper Zion.

A protracted meeting has been in progress at Bethel for the past two weeks.

Page Anderson, a worthy colored man, of Milford, is dead. He was 90 years old.

Rev. F. B. McSparan is assisting his father in a series of sermons at St. Paul's M. E. church.

What Dr. C. B. Morton Says of the Superior Disc Drill.
Nottingham, August 6, 1900.
Messrs. Chancellor & Kawlings, Fredericksburg, Va.:
It is with pleasure that I testify as to the merits of your Superior Disc Drill. The one purchased of you last fall gave entire satisfaction, and enabled me to kill more fish with less than half the work that would have been required to prepare the land for the Hoe Drill. Yours very truly,
C. B. Morton.

FLAT RUN NOTES.
(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)
Orange County, Va., August 11th.
Mr. Gordon Spottswood is sick with fever.

Mr. Ashby L. Payne returned home Saturday, after a pleasant visit to Fredericksburg, Orange Co. H. Unionville and Brokenburg, and has as his guest Mr. J. P. Valentine, of Philadelphia.

Mr. Eugene Myers is confined to his home by sickness.

Mrs. J. A. Payne, Jr., and little daughter, Ruth, are spending several days with her father, Mr. J. W. Clark, of Unionville.

Miss Emma Myers, of Ligon, Colpeper county, is the guest of Miss Lillie Myers.

Mr. Charlis Talley, of Chancellorsville, was in the Flat Run neighborhood on business.

Mr. Hugh Payne met with an accident in a saw-mill Friday, which resulted in his leg being badly cut.

Miss Jane Gordon, of Fredericksburg, is the guest of Miss Julia Spottswood. Miss Tallaferro, of Locust Dale, is the guest of Mrs. Henry Willis.

Miss Lurlette Payne is visiting Mrs. G. W. Nash, in Fredericksburg.

A Powder Mill Explosion.
Removes everything in sight; so drastic internal pills, but both are mighty dangers. Dr. J. C. M. dynamite the delicate machinery of your body with calomel, croton oil or aloes pills, when Dr. King's New Life Pills, which are gentle as a summer breeze, do the work patently. Only 35c at M. M. Lewis' drug store.

LOCAL MARKETS.
(Corrected by Simon Hirsch & Bro.)
The grain markets closed yesterday as follows:
Wheat, 65 to 70; corn, 49 to 50; meal 118 to 120; potatoes, 35 to 36; oats, 25 to 30; clover (live), 6 to 7; timothy 11c, 8 to 8; ducks 16c to 17; spring chickens, 9 to 10c; per lb.; lamb, 9 to 10; eggs, 9 to 10c; butter 12 to 13; hams, 10 to 11; Irish potatoes, 40 to 45; beef 3 to 3 1/2; veal, 4 1/2 to 5; hides (green), 6 to 7; hides (dry), 8 to 9.

Wool—Unwashed, 20 to 21; washed, 27 to 28.
Leaf Sumac—50 to 55 cents per hundred pounds.

The Grain Market.
Chicago—Wheat, Aug. 75 1/2; Sept. 76 1/2; corn, Aug. 35 1/2; Sept. 36 1/2; oats, Aug. 21 1/2; Sept. 22.
New York—Southern wheat, 78 to 80; corn, 46 to 47.
Baltimore—Southern wheat, 70 to 75; Southern corn, 44 to 45.
Richmond—Wheat, 70 to 75; corn, 45 to 46.
Alexandria—Wheat, 70 to 75; corn, 47 to 48.

KING GEORGE.
Corn Crop a Failure—Notes and Personal.
(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)
Corn, Va., August 11th.
It is generally agreed that the weather since last Monday has been the warmest ever experienced here. For several days the thermometer registered two degrees higher than ever before, so far as there is any record. It has been quite impossible for "man or beast" to perform their daily duties. Corn fields, gardens and pastures are suffering seriously for rain. The corn, that three weeks ago responded to the rain and promise of a former draught, is now in a hopeless condition. Fields that usually produce from 3 1/2 to 5 barrels per acre cannot this year yield over one barrel per acre. There are a great many acres that will not yield one bushel.

Mr. W. W. Monty, of New York city, is here to spend a month with his wife and child, who are summering in this county.

Mr. T. F. Cunroy, of Washington, spent several days here recently, and purchased some horses to take back with him for his farm near Alexandria.

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BIDS FOR GAS COAL.
Bids will be received up to 12 m. August 20th, to furnish the City Gas Works with Gas Coal for the year ending July 1st, 1901—about 900 tons.

Coal must be screened and free from slate. Bidders must state the number of cubic feet of gas, and the candle power of same, that their coal will make to the pound.

The committee reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
T. McBRACKEN,
JOS. P. ROWE,
L. PERRY,
Light Committee.

Hotel Property For Rent.
The property known as the Central Hotel, on Main street, is FOR RENT. It has been thoroughly renovated, repainted, and provided with all modern conveniences. Its rooms are large, airy and well lighted. There are 9 beds—on the second and third floors. On the second floor there is an up-to-date bathroom and closet, supplied with hot and cold water. Every room in the house is supplied with gas light of newest patterns. On the first floor there are two very large rooms and a bath, with a modern kitchen in the rear. Two entrances from front, hall and main entrance.